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123. Three things easily seen with one eye half open: the events of nature, the laws of equity, and the demands of love; and, in the same manner, it is equally easy to see their contrasts: which are, mischief, hate, and injustice, or, (by another reading,) untruth.

124. The three indexes of truth: word, action, and the effort of genius; and from these shall be obtained whatsoever is true; and, where the three shall meet in one, there will be had a certainty of truth.

125. The three indispensables of good counsel: to bear good will, freedom of speech, and to understand the cause.

126. Three things, as to which there need be no concern but they shall be obtained: some prosperity, where great exertion shall be made for it; some respect, where it shall be greatly merited; and some wisdom, where it shall be greatly studied.

127. Three things that see in the dark: love, genius, and conscience.

128. Three things that see nothing, however great the light may be: lust, hatred, and idleness.

129. Three things that will be done in the dark by will and choice: what is done by violence, what is done by lust, and what is done by a fribble.

130. Three things which a person seeing sees nothing else: pride ornamental, excess of wealth advantageous, and idleness a blessing.

THE WISDOM OF CATWG.

HIS MAXIMS DELIVERED TO TALIESIN, CHIEF OF
BARDS, ON HIS TAKING LEAVE OF HIM*.

TACITURNITY is the mother of all discretion.

Patience is the mother of all wisdom.

Wit is the mother of all knowledge.

Order is the mother of all investigation.

Necessity is the mother of every art.

Virtue is the mother of all happiness.

Exertion is the mother of every excellence.

Genius is the mother of all poetry.

Consideration is the mother of all understanding.

* Arch. of Wales, vol. iii. p. 59.

Inconsideration is the mother of every fault.
 Use is the mother of every mastery.
 Fortitude is the mother of every victory.
 Conscience is the mother of all morality.
 Love is the mother of all piety.

THE OPTIMATES OF CATWG*.

The best of powers is intellect :
 The best of intellects is the understanding :
 The best of the understanding is wit :
 The best of wit is selection :
 The best of selection is wealth :
 The best of wealth is wisdom :
 The best of wisdom is goodness :
 The best of goodness is love :
 The best of love is (the love of) peace :
 The best of peace is the peace of God.

EXCERPTA.

THE following letter relates to a subject, which has before undergone a partial discussion in this work,—the elementary structure of the Welsh tongue†. However, to those who take any interest in philological inquiries, these additional observations, and especially as proceeding from a person so well qualified to investigate the point, cannot but prove acceptable. If, as the writer seems to have anticipated, some may deem his remarks rather visionary, it can only be because they have not sufficiently considered those minute principles, which formed the original basis of all human speech. And, if we find these simple elements more discernible in the Welsh than in most other languages, the circumstance must necessarily be admitted as an incontestible proof of its primitive character, and, consequently, of its antiquity. For this reason, the succeeding letter of MERION has been selected as particularly worthy of republication in these pages.

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* Arch. of Wales, vol. iii. p. 68.

† See vol. i. pp. 81 & 161.—ED.